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Thanks for the helpful summary, Brian. Please see below edits submit on behalf of DPH in **RED** below.

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Thanks for participating in last Friday's joint City and County discussion about issues pertaining to opioid and fentanyl abuse and prevention efforts. Below is a summary of our discussion and agreed upon next steps:

Summary Notes:

- The LA County Department of Public Health (DPH) has observed a slight increase in opioid-related deaths since 2015, but a notable increase in fentanyl-related deaths during the same time period (see Figures #16 and 17 on the Safe Med LA Livestories page at <https://insight.livestories.com/s/v2/in-progress-9-5-17-prescription-opioid-abuse-in-lac-with-heroin-addendum/2a025c91-e626-482e-b5fb-c0db7fe58474/>)
- DPH, Substance Abuse Prevention and Control program has developed a five-year strategic plan that will be carried out through the Safe Med LA coalition. The strategic plan utilizes a "9-6-10" approach, with 9 Action Teams focusing on 6 priority areas with 10 key objectives, each tackling a specific component of the prescription drug abuse problem. The work of the Safe Med LA coalition will be an organized, coordinated, and multifaceted countywide effort that involves activated members from various County and external stakeholder groups, unified in their mission to reduce the toll of prescription drug abuse. DPH also mentioned the countywide Help for Addiction, Recovery and Treatment (HEART) Collaborative and will provide more information about it at or prior to the next City and County meeting.
- According to DPH, both the State and County fund the distribution of fentanyl testing strips; however, the County is considering a pilot of the TruNarc Handheld Narcotics Analyzer
- DPH also reported on motions from the LA County Board of Supervisors addressing the prevention of opioid-related deaths.
 - Preventing Opioid-Related Deaths (August 14, 2018)
 - Expanding Expanding Timely Access to Comprehensive Substance Use Disorder Treatment for Opioid Users in Los Angeles County (August 14, 2018)
- LA County Department of Health Services (DHS) reported substance abuse experts/clinicians were a part of every (E6) multi-disciplinary team across the County that is conducting outreach and engagement with people experiencing homelessness.
- The Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) reported it will receive 5,000 doses of Naloxone for all patrol officers to deploy department-wide by early December.

Follow-Up & Action Items:

- The Mayor will immediately direct the LAPD and LAFD to provide overdose and Naloxone use data to the Joint Regional Intelligence Center (JRIC) for integration into its "OD Map."
- The Mayor will immediately direct the Bureau of Sanitation to provide a report on its sharps collection efforts citywide.
- The Mayor's Office, including its Communications Team, will be integrated into the Safe Med LA's messaging campaign.

- The City and County Working Group will explore the feasibility of expanding mobile syringe exchange programs. Additionally, the Working Group will further discuss other possible efforts such as providing access to Naloxone at pharmacies and food pantries.
- The City's Department on Disability will invite syringe exchange providers to attend future Working Group meetings.
- The LAPD Scientific Investigation Division (SID) and City Attorney's Office will report on the prevalence of fentanyl in overdose or other narcotics-related arrests or cases.

Additional Stakeholders to Invite:

- Mayor's Communication Team
- LA City Office of Reentry
- LA Bureau of Sanitation
- Safe Med LA and HEART Collaborative support staff Gary Tsai chairs both of these groups and can serve as the rep for DPH, the HEART Collaborative, and Safe Med LA... The City of LA is welcome to join the HEART Collaborative - see attached for a draft of its charter for more info. I'll follow up with you in a separate email with the details for the next meeting, which is located in Alhambra.
- LA County Office of Diversion & Reentry Shoshanna Scholar is on this email and would normally likely be the ODR rep
- Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Lt. Glenn Walsh (gdwalsh@lasd.org) and Commander Judy Gerhardt (JAGerhar@lasd.org) are the LASD contacts we have been working with around the issue of opioids
- Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office Tracey Whitney (TWhitney@da.lacounty.gov) is the LAC DA contact we've been working with around the issue of opioids
- Syringe exchange program providers

Please let me know if you have any questions, or if I have missed (or misstated) anything from the meeting.

Thanks.

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